

In re Appln. of COVER et al.
Application No. 09/599,999
Reply to Office action of September 3, 2003

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REMARKS

In the application, no claims currently stand allowed and claims 1 – 25 and 27 – 29 stand rejected. Claims 1 – 7, 10 – 14, and 16 – 29 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Netscape Communicator v 4.61 and Prizm Plug-in 2.1. Claims 8 – 9 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Netscape Communicator v 4.61 and Prizm Plug-in 2.1.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of a telephone call to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Luu on December 1, 2003. Mr. Scott Schulhof represented the Applicants. The call was a follow-up to an earlier telephone call made by Mr. Schulhof to Examiner Luu on November 26, 2003, in which Applicants sought clarification of the grounds of rejection of claims 1 – 7, 10 – 14, and 16 – 29. The Office action indicated that the claims were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by a combination of references, neither of which, taken alone, taught or suggested all of the limitations of the pending claims. Examiner Luu agreed that the rejection could be made clearer if it were resubmitted in the form of a rejection under 35 USC § 103(a) rather than under 35 USC § 102(e).

Accordingly, Applicants submit this request for reconsideration of the current Office action as the references supporting the 35 USC § 102(e) rejection, taken alone, do not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the pending claims.

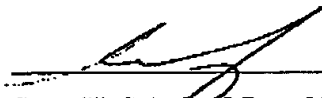
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the Final Office action of September 3, 2003. If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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